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Friday 13th February, 2004

Term 1 Week 3



Australasian Schools Science Competition - Tuesday May 4th
Australasian Schools English Competition - Wednesday May 19th
Australasian Schools Mathematics Competition - Wednesday June 16th

O.P 2 Best ever result for Weipa School sets Melanie on Career Goal pathway!



The Western Cape College's Melanie Donald is ready to hit the books yet again. After achieving five V.H.A ratings in a predominantly Maths / Science course and scoring an A level in the Queensland Core Skills test it came as no surprise to the College when Melanie recently received the excellent result of an Overall Position (O.P) score of 2. Family, friends and the Western Cape College are extremely proud of Melanie and her achievements, as not only does an O.P score of 2 puts her in the top 4.7% of students in the State it is also the best academic result to come out of the school in Weipa.

Mel along with schoolmates Shannon Culley and Elisa De Bruyn have all achieved single figure O.P scores. They are fine examples of how despite living in an isolated community, with a dedicated approach to study, a commitment to achieving to your potential and with positive family support, remoteness is not a barrier and you can bring your goals to fruition.

Melanie has been accepted into her first preference of Bachelor of Law at James Cook University. After a three-month lay off while making preparations for her new life in Cairns Mel is looking forward to exercising her grey matter in 2004.

No longer having school work to use as an excuse has meant Melanie has been back at the sink and on the vacuum cleaner. But life in Cairns has not been all vacuuming and dishes, Mel is keeping herself busy giving riding lessons with her horse Beau, working at Cairns Central Newsagency, going to the movies twice a week and of course shopping.

Mel says she misses school life already particularly her friends and previous job at Weipa News and Sports, but feels she is ready to take up the challenges university life will bring.

We wish Mel and all those who have left the Western Cape College all the best in your future careers.

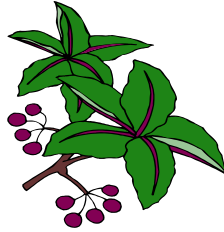


Mapoon Campus News

The little school in Mapoon continues to grow and grow. We have started the 2004 school year with numbers approaching 50 and this will grow even more as families move to this community.

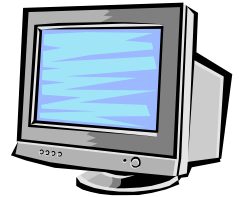
We have a new staff member as we welcome Heidi Booth as a teacher aide. Heidi attended Mapoon State School as a student before going to Weipa to finish her studies. She returns to the school as the first of hopefully a long list of former pupils to help the younger generation

Most students are attending 100% of the time and we really hope that this will continue for the whole of the year.



All our classes are studying animals and plants, particularly Endangered Species. We are also building web pages which will soon be able to be viewed on the Western Cape College website.

Many families will soon be able to join the Computers in Homes project that aims to extend Information Technology skills learnt in the classroom to the homes. Students wishing to participate MUST have excellent attendance and have a proven ability to complete homework tasks.



The P&C has had their first meeting and is set to run their first fund-raiser for the year as a BBQ/Raffle/Cake stall at the Mapoon store on Thursday 19 February, starting at 3pm. Money raised last year has recently been used to purchase lots of playground items such as Tonka trucks and graders, picnic sets and kitchen sets. The kids are having a great time even on the wettest of days role-playing and just having fun.



The grass on the oval went crazy on the holidays and Adam the groundsman has had to work hard to tame it. It is now under control and it looks terrific.

Rod Kettle
Head of Mapoon Campus

Meningococcal C Vaccination Program

Weipa Campus is participating in the National Meningococcal C Vaccination Program to protect against Meningococcal C disease.

The program aims to:

- Reduce illness and death in the population at highest risk of the disease,
- Induce long term immunity to those who are immunised.

The Meningococcal C vaccine is a small injection given in the upper arm. A team of specially trained nurses will conduct the vaccinations. This team will be visiting Weipa Campus to give the free vaccinations on:

- **Monday 8th March 2004**
- **Tuesday 9th March 2004**
- **Monday 15th March 2004**
- **Tuesday 16th March 2004**
- **Monday 5th April 2004**

After your child has been vaccinated they will be given a Record of Vaccination to bring home so you can keep their immunisations record up to date.

Consent forms will be sent home with the students next week, please fill them in and return them to the student's teacher or the office.

If you have any queries please contact **Mary Hindmarsh** (Child Health Nurse) on **40 906 236**.

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IMPORTANT

Unfortunately the swimming pool will be closed until further notice for maintenance .
This means there will be no school swimming program until further notice.

AUSTRALASIAN SCHOOLS COMPETITION DATES 2004

Science Tuesday May 4th
English Wednesday May 19th
Matematics Wednesday June 16th



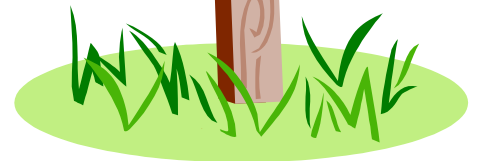
WANTED

Anyone interested in helping out with the Western Cape College Netball program this year, please contact Jodie at the school on 40 906 444. Get involved, help out, lets give our girls an opportunity to play a great team sport! We need the support of parents and community members to ensure that the program continues to run!

There will be a presentation conducted by the team from "Success with Attitude" for interested parents and staff on Tuesday night on the 24th February. The focus of the evening will be centered around managing adolescent behaviors and motivational strategies for teenagers. The venue will be W1 and start time will be 7.30.

Lance Jarrett
Head of Senior School

School Hats have arrived and are available to buy from the school office for \$10.00



Senior School "At the Sharp End"

The Senior School is settling down to business as usual for the 2004 academic year. Students have made their final subject choices and are getting on with the job of building career path options and achieving goals. Our current enrolment for the senior school stands at fifty-seven year 10, twenty-seven year 11 and fourteen year 12 students studying a variety of 36 subjects.

On February the 25th the highly recommended motivational and goal setting team "Success with Attitude" will be delivering two one hour sessions to the year 10 – 12 student body and one 1 hour session to the year 9 students. It is hoped they will have a positive impact on the student's self esteem, attitude and performance for 2004. A one hour session has also been organised for Tuesday evening the 24th Feb for any parents and staff who would like to listen to "Success with Attitude's" presentation on dealing with adolescent attitude issues and motivational tactics. The venue will be room W1 and the start time 7.30 pm.

Being the start of the year provides a timely opportunity for me to remind the parents of year eleven and twelve students who engage in part time work that it is recommended that their children should limit their work to a maximum of 10 – 15 hours a week. Levels above this often result in tiredness, lack of concentration and an inability to complete tasks such as study, homework and assignments.

Please feel free to make an appointment to discuss any concerns or questions you may have regarding your child's schooling. My teachers and I are looking forward to working with parents and students to achieve the best possible outcomes in 2004.

Lance Jarrett
Head of Senior School

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POSITION VACANT
PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT
WESTERN CAPE COLLEGE – WEIPA CAMPUS
PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

If you are an enthusiastic go getter who cares and wants to be part of your child's education this is a job for you!!

Remuneration working with a great group of people.

At this year's AGM quite a few people came along and put their hand up to fill some of the positions up for 2004 election.

Welcome to some of the Committee so far:

Vice President - Allan McPhee

Treasurer – Narelle Britton

Secretary – Therese Howard

Assistant Treasurer (Tuckshop Wages) – Joanne Montague

Annual General Meeting of the Weipa Campus Tuckshop

Chairperson - Rachel Davey

Secretary – Esther Rutherford

Treasurer – Julia McCulkin

Unfortunately this year no Preschool sub committee were elected. Hopefully Parents of preschoolers will come along to the next Parents and Citizens Meeting and take up the positions available (Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer)

The next Western Cape College-Weipa Campus Parents and Citizens Association meeting will be held at the Weipa Campus Common Room on the 26th February 2004 at 7.30 pm

See you there.

CASUAL POSITION VACANT

A casual position exists for a School Crossing Supervisor at this school.

The School Crossing Supervisor may be required to work five days per week in all *weather conditions*. The hours of work for School Crossing Supervisors are normally 1.5 hours a day and usually comprise of one hour in the morning and thirty minutes in the afternoon.

The successful applicant is dependent on:

- The favourable outcome of a health assessment carried out by a Government Medical Officer or a duly qualified Medical Practitioner according to the guidelines in the "Notes for Medical Practitioner" on the School Crossing Supervisor Scheme – Health Assessment Form; and
- A criminal history check of all Australian state Police records. Refer to disqualifying offences in schedule 2 of Transport Operation (Road Use Management) Act 1995.

Applications addressing the selection criteria as listed in the position description must be submitted in writing to the school.

Address application to:

Private and Confidential
The Registrar
Central Ave
Weipa Qld 4874

Applications close at 3.00pm on 5th March 2004

For further information please phone the Registrar on 40906444

